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SUMMARY: IN AN ANNUAL REVIEW BEFORE THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, FONSEC MINIC REPORTED ON YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN POLICY ACTIVITIES IN 1977 AND ITS CURRENT ROLE IN THE WORLD. HE ASSESSED BOTH YUGOSLAV-SOVIET
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AND YUGOSLAV-US RELATIONS AS DEVELOPING SUCCESSFULLY BUT SEEMED SOMEWHAT WARMER IN SPEAKING OF THE LATTER. HE REPEATED FORUMULATION OF PAST FEW MONTHS ON THE MID EAST (BUT WITHOUT TITO'S CALL FOR RECOGNIGITION OF ISRAEL AS REALITY-- BELGRADE 0726 NOTAL). HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT A SETTLEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN AND OAU IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND VOICED OPPOSITION TO "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" IN THAT CRISIS. AN IMPORTANT THEME WAS CONCERN FOR "PRESSURES" ON AND DISPUTES WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY

1. FONSEC MILOS MINIC GAVE HIS ANNUAL REPORT ON YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN POLICY TO THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 31. ON US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, MINIC SAID "WE NOTE THIS YEAR, THE OBVIOUS PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS AND EQUITABLE COLLABORATION OF OUR COUNTRY WITH THE U.S.A. IN VARIOUS AREAS, ACCORDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. A SERIOUS STEP FORWARD WAS ALSO MADE IN THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES WHICH WERE BURDENING OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS, THANKS TO EFFORT OF BOTH SIDES AS WELL AS TO THE READINESS EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ON THE PART OF THE MOST RESPONSIBLE PERSONALITIES OF THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION, TO APPROACH THE SETTLEMENT OF OPEN QUESTIONS ON AN EQUAL AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS." HE REFERRED TO THE EXCHANGE OF PERSONAL MESSAGES BETWEEN PRESIDENTS TITO AND CARTER "WHICH CONTRIBUTED A VERY GREAT DEAL TO BETTER ACQUAINTANCE AND MUTUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STAND-

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POINTS ON VARIOUS BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS." "THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT TITO TO THE U.S.A. WILL PROVIDE, WITHOUT DOUBT, AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS TO BE FURTHER CONSOLIDATED AND PROMOTED." MINIC ALSO MENTIONED THE MONDALE AND KARDELJ VISITS. THIS RATHER FRIENDLY PASSAGE CONTRASTS SOMEWHAT WITH A MORE FORMAL SECTION ON YUSOGLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS IN WHICH MINIC REITERATES THA BASES FOR THESE RELATIONS--THE 1955 BELGRADE DECLARATION AND 1956 MOSCOW DECLARATION (THE MAIN PART OF WHICH, FOR YUGOSLAVS, IS NON-INTERFERENCE).

2. ON ANTI-YUGOSLAV TERRORIST ACTVITIES, MINIC TOOK TO TASK (UNNAMED) WESTERN NATIONS FOR NOT SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. HE ALSO CHASTISED AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA FOR THEIR LONGSTANDING DIFFERENCES WITH YUGOSLAVIA CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF YUGOSLAV MINORITIES IN AUSTRIA AND THE NON-RECOGNITION OF MACEDONIAN NATIONALITY BY BULGARIA.

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3. MINIC EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SUPERPOWERS'
"GROWING FORCES" IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND DANGERS FOR
WORLD PEACE INHERENT IN THIS CONDITION WITH ALL OF
THE CRISIS POINTS THAT EXIST IN THAT REGION.

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4. ON THE MID EAST MINIC REPEATED THE YUGOSLAV
POSIION WHICH EMERGED DURING LATTER HALF OF 1977
ON RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT TO EXIST OF ALL STATES
IN THE AREA INCLUDING ISRAEL, BUT HE DID NOT GO AS FAR AS
PRESIDENT TITO'S REMARKS TWO DAYS EARLIER. HE
TWICE REAFFIRMED YUGOSLAV'S SUPPORT FOR THE PLO
AND OF THE NECESSITY OF ISAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
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5. MINIC STATED THAT YUGSLAVIA WAS OPPOSED TO ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM COULD BE FOUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE OAU AND THE UN. HERE AGAIN HE REPEATED YUGOSLAVIA'S SUPPORT FOR TERTITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL COUNTRIES.

6. THROUGHOUT THE REPORT MINIC STRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH THE CONFLICTS IN S.E. ASIA AND IN THE HORN, SAYING "THE DESTRUCTION OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD HOLD BACK THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR AN ENTIRE EPOCH". HE ALSO CITED "INCREASED" INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AND DAILY ATTEMPTS TO "DIVIDE" THE NAM, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE ME, THE HORN, AND THE WESTERN SAHARA. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE NAM HAS THE "STRENGTH" TO RESIST THESE PRESSURES AND SAID THE DIFFICULTIES WERE "TEMPORARY".

7. EXPRESSING EXISTING POSITIONS, MINIC REVIEWED OTHER AREAS AS WELL INCLUDING BALKAN COOPERATION, PRC, WESTERN EUROPE, SSOD, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. ASSUME FBIS WILL HAVE COMPLETE TEXT.
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